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**VAWA Implementation Committee  
Summary Minutes  
August 31, 2017  
1:30PM-2:30PM**

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**Committee Members Present:** Hon. Vincent Poppiti (chair), Hon. Robert Coupe, Stephanie Hamilton, Maria Knoll, Esq, Josephine MacLaine

**CJC Staff Present:** Terica Jones; Nicole Rodgers

The agenda items were discussed in the following order

**1. Approval of the minutes from the March 2 meeting:**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. Federal Grant Updates and Program Balances**

The SASP, STOP and DV Fund balances were discussed as well as pending closeouts.

An updated Domestic Violence Fund Report was provided for the committee to review. The SFY14 DV Fund remains open for one program to continue. In order to close out SFY14 and bring the fund current, the committee voted unanimously that the funding for the open program with CHILD, Inc. will be concluded at the end of the year with the balance de-obligated from CHILD, Inc. and used to partially fund a project submitted through the SFY17 DV Fund Solicitation. The committee also voted unanimously to reserve \$10,000 from the SFY17 DV Fund for CHILD, Inc. to continue services for male victims of DV. This SFY17 award is consistent with what has been spent to date and will be provided for a 2 year time frame pending results.

**3. Discussion of SFY2017 DV Fund Competitive Solicitation**

The committee voted unanimously to release a general solicitation for \$80,245 for domestic violence services. Plans to release the solicitation were set for September 2017.

**4. Discussion of FFY2015 STOP NPO Victim Services-Sexual Assault Competitive Solicitation:**

The committee voted unanimously to support the de-obligation of the balance of year 1 (approximately \$25,000), Year 2 (\$60,000) and Year 3 (\$60,000) funding from La Esperanza for their Sexual Assault therapeutic program as they were not able to find a full time therapist after 2 years of funding. CJC staff attempted to brainstorm and assist with restructuring the program to no avail. The committee voted unanimously to release a competitive solicitation for NPO sexual assault victim services using FFY2015 funds with language allowing FFY2014 funds to be utilized first. This solicitation is also set to be released in September 2017.

**5. Discussion of FFY2017 STOP Funding:**

The committee voted to release a competitive solicitation for \$267,655 for Non Profit Victim Services. Since the most recent STOP Implementation Plan was a 4 year plan, the committee also voted to fund approved programs for 4 consecutive years (pending performance) as opposed to the traditional 3 years of funding. This solicitation is set for release in October 2017.

The committee discussed the pending balance in the law enforcement funding category as Christiana Care does not plan to continue utilizing funding for their SANE Program. When asked for suggestions for targeting the funding, the high risk DV task force was mentioned. CJC Staff informed the committee that additional information would be acquired and forwarded prior to the next meeting.

The committee also agreed to have CJC Staff gather additional information on having risk assessments done for the Lenape and Nanticoke tribes. CJC Staff will contact the DVCC Executive Director to discuss partnering for that effort.

**6. Other/Public Comment:**

A motion was approved to obtain a minor modification of the Executive Order for this committee allowing a designee to be sent in the event that a committee member is not available. CJC Staff will pursue this modification.

Another meeting was proposed for late November to vote on funding recommendations for the 3 solicitations discussed. Thursday mornings were deemed the preferable time.

*Without anything further, the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terica Jones